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# Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work

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## Annotations

### 1. Opening of the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Committee

The eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime will be convened on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

At its tenth session, held in Vienna from 17 to 28 July 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee approved the provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for its eleventh session (A/AC.254/L.230/Add.4). Having finalized and approved the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the Ad Hoc Committee decided that it would devote its eleventh session to the finalization and approval of the three additional international legal instruments supplementing the Convention for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session for adoption in accordance with Assembly resolution 54/126 of 17 December 1999.

The resources available to the Ad Hoc Committee at its eleventh session will permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

The proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document provides more details on the meetings to be held in plenary at the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Committee.

### 3. Finalization and approval of the additional international legal instrument against trafficking in persons, especially women and children

In its resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998, the General Assembly decided to establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of, *inter alia*, discussing the elaboration, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea; and requested the Ad Hoc Committee, in carrying out that work, to take into account, *inter alia*, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1998/18, 1998/19 and 1998/20 of 28 July 1998.

In its resolution 54/126, the General Assembly requested the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its work, in accordance with resolutions 53/111 and 53/114 of 9 December 1998, and to intensify its work in order to complete it in 2000; and also requested the Ad Hoc Committee to schedule sufficient time for the negotiation of the draft protocols to the draft Convention, in order to enhance the possibility of their completion at the same time as the draft Convention.

In its resolution 54/126, the General Assembly decided that the additional international legal instrument being prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee addressing trafficking in women and children should address trafficking in all persons, but especially women and children, and requested the Ad Hoc Committee to make any corresponding changes to the draft instrument.

At its second and fourth sessions, the Ad Hoc Committee carried out a first reading of articles 1-7 of the draft Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against

Transnational Organized Crime. At its sixth session, the Ad Hoc Committee completed its first reading of the draft Protocol, aware of the discussion in the informal consultations held during that session on the common provisions between the draft Convention and the draft Protocols. At its seventh session, the Ad Hoc Committee devoted the informal consultations held from 18 to 21 January 2000 to the consideration of the draft Protocol and common provisions of that instrument and the additional international legal instrument against illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants. At its ninth session, held from 5 to 16 June 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee conducted a second reading of articles 1-7 and 9 *bis*, reaching agreement on the text of articles 4, paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, 5, 5 *bis* (deleted), 6, paragraphs 1, 2 and 4, 7 and 9 *bis*.

**Documentation**

Revised draft Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Add.3/Rev.7)

Draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/L.230/Add.1)

Proposals and contributions (A/AC.254/5/Add.28)

4. **Finalization and approval of the additional international legal instrument against illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants**

At its first, fourth and sixth sessions, the Ad Hoc Committee carried out a first reading of the draft instrument against illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants. At its sixth session and at the informal consultations held during its seventh session, the Ad Hoc Committee considered provisions that the draft Protocol might have in common with the draft instrument against trafficking in persons, especially women and children. At its eighth session, the Ad Hoc Committee completed a second reading of articles 2-5 and at the informal consultations held during its ninth session, the Ad Hoc Committee conducted a further review of articles 7-13, subject to future approval by the plenary.

**Documentation**

Revised draft Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Air and Sea, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Add.1/Rev.6)

Draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/L.230/Add.1)

Proposals and contributions (A/AC.254/5/Add.27)

**Background documents**

International Maritime Organization circular on interim measures for combating unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of migrants by sea (A/AC.254/CRP.3)

5. **Finalization and approval of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition**

At its first and third sessions, the Ad Hoc Committee carried out a first reading of the draft international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition. At its fifth session, the Ad Hoc Committee carried out a second reading of articles 2-5 and 8 of the Protocol. At its seventh session, the Ad Hoc Committee further reviewed articles 2 and 8, carried out a second reading of articles 9-14, 17, 18 and 18 *bis* and deferred discussion of articles 15, 15 *bis*, 16 and 19-24 pending the finalization of related text in the draft Convention.

**Documentation**

Revised draft Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Add.2/Rev.5)

Draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/L.230/Add.1)

Proposals and contributions (A/AC.254/5/Add.29).

**Background documents**

Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials (A/AC.254/CRP.1)

6. **Concordance among the three additional international legal instruments and with the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, as approved by the Ad Hoc Committee at its tenth session**

At its tenth session, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to conduct a review of the three additional international legal instruments to ensure internal consistency of terminology within each instrument; to examine consistency of terminology and structure among the three instruments; to examine consistency of terminology with the Convention; and to examine the consistency of the texts of each instrument in the six official languages. Following the successful precedent of the tenth session, the Ad Hoc Committee may wish to refer these matters and such additional issues as are identified by the Ad Hoc Committee in its consideration of each instrument to a working group on consistency, subject to final review by the Ad Hoc Committee.

7. **Draft resolution on the adoption of the Convention and the Protocols thereto for consideration and action by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session: amendments required for the adoption of the Protocols**

At its tenth session, the Ad Hoc Committee approved a draft resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, in which the Assembly would adopt the draft Convention, as orally amended (A/AC.254/L.230/Add.3), on the understanding that those portions of the text of the resolution which dealt with the adoption of the three additional international legal instruments would be reviewed further once those instruments had been finalized and approved by the Ad Hoc Committee.

**18. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its eleventh session**

The Ad Hoc Committee is to adopt a report on its eleventh session, the draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur.

# Annex

## Proposed organization of work of the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, to be held in Vienna from 2 to 27 October 2000

| *Date* | *Time* | *Item* | *Title or description* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday, 2 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 1 | Opening of the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Committee |
| | | 2 | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work |
| | | 3 | Finalization of the additional international legal instrument against trafficking in persons, especially women and children: articles 1-2 *bis* |
| Tuesday, 3 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 3 | Continuation: articles 2 *bis* (if necessary), 3 and 4 |
| Wednesday, 4 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 3 | Continuation: articles 5-7 |
| Thursday, 5 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 3 | Continuation: articles 8-10 |
| Friday, 6 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 3 | Continuation and conclusion: articles 11 and 13-20 and preamble |
| | 3-6 p.m. | 3 | Approval of the additional international legal instrument against trafficking in persons, especially women and children |
| Monday, 9 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 4 | Finalization of the additional international legal instrument against illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants: articles 1-3 *bis* |
| Tuesday, 10 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 4 | Continuation: articles 4-6 |
| Wednesday, 11 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 4 | Continuation: articles 7-7 *ter* and 7 *quinquiens* |
| Thursday, 12 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 4 | Continuation: articles 8-13 |
| Friday, 13 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 4 | Continuation and conclusion: articles 14-22 and preamble |
| | 3-6 p.m. | 4 | Approval of the additional international legal instrument against illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants |

| *Date* | *Time* | *Item* | *Title or description* |
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| Monday, 16 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 5 | Finalization of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition: articles 1, 4 *bis*, 6, 7, 19-24, 2 (subpara. (b)), 4 and 5 (para. 1 (d)) |
| Tuesday, 17 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 5 | Continuation: articles 3, 2, 5, 8 and 9 |
| Wednesday, 18 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 5 | Continuation: articles 11, 18 *bis*, 10 and 12 |
| Thursday, 19 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 5 | Continuation: articles 14, 17, 15, 16, 18, 15 *bis* and 0 |
| Friday, 20 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 5 | Continuation and conclusion: preamble and any outstanding matters |
| | 3-6 p.m. | 5 | Approval of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition |
| Monday, 23 October-Tuesday, 24 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 6 | Concordance among the three additional international legal instruments and with the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, as approved by the Ad Hoc Committee at its tenth session |
| Wednesday, 25 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 6 | Concordance among the three additional international legal instruments |
| Friday, 27 October | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. | 6 | Continuation and conclusion: any outstanding matters |
| | | 7 | Draft resolution on the adoption of the Convention and the Protocols thereto for consideration and action by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session: amendments required for the adoption of the Protocols |
| | | 8 | Consideration and adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its eleventh session |